

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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August 28, 1970

Mr. G. F. Heron, Manager
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Turner Brothers Asbestos Co., Ltd.
P. O. Box 40
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Dear Kip:

We have sent to your attention two samples of ashed solids which we have removed from beer. The first of these samples, labeled A97-117-255, represents the solids from 10 gallons (U.S.) of Schlitz Bottled Draft Beer. This sample was given to Dr. Holmes on his recent visit to the Research Center. Part of the manufacturing process for bottled draft beer includes the filtration through a membrane filter. This process is in lieu of pasteurization and yields a beer with an extremely low solids content. We have found, however, that there may be a small amount of asbestos fiber still present in this type of beer.

The second sample, which has been mailed to you, is marked A97-117-269. This is the ashed solids from 10 gallons of Schlitz Lager Beer. In this case, we obtained 9.3 milligrams of ash.

In both these cases, we sent you the entire sample and have not retained any for our use. We did this so that you would have the maximum possible amount to use with your X-ray diffraction technique. We would appreciate it if, after you have completed your examination, you could return a small portion of each to us so that we might examine the same solids by our techniques.

We have developed a new technique for estimating the total amount of material present on an electron microscope grid. This technique, we feel, gives us a more accurate measure without the tediousness of the earlier point counting method, involves the use of radioactive tracers (Au 196).

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The details of the procedures are spelled out in the attached report.

Sincerely,

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